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1. Hunchun (130-22, 42-52), with a population of 250,000, has been an important city of the former Chientao Province since the Japanese first established the Manchukuo regime. It is divided into two cities: (1) The inner (walled) city, which extends two li east and west and one li north and south, and which is the seat of the hsien government; (2) the outer city, which was built by the Japanese and reserved principally for them.
2. The city is important primarily because it is in the small neck of land that separates the Soviet Maritime Province and North Korea. It is the focal point of communication between Tumen (129-49, 42-58) and cities in the Maritime Province and in North Korea.
3. Manufactured goods are brought to Hunchun from North Korea and the USSR; a large amount of the agricultural products grown in the area, such as rice, kaoliang and millet, are concentrated in Hunchun before distribution to North Korea and the USSR. The plentiful supply of food and commodities and the active trade in the shops and warehouses are caused by: (1) The location of Hunchun, which makes it a transit center for Soviet troops moving to and from North Korea and the USSR; (2) The presence in the city of Soviet and Chinese Communist units who are reconstructing Japanese military installations destroyed by the Soviet Army in 1945.
5. The prices of the basic commodities in yuan per catty in Hunchun are:

Rice	450-600	Kaoliang	230-350
Millet	350-450	Bean Oil	480-580
Coal	100-150	Salt	160-350

Note: It is not known whether "yuan" refers to NEC or to Communist Northeast Currency.)

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